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## Indiana Ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in Nation in Child Support Performance

The federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) recently released the child support performance measure results for all States, for the federal fiscal year ending September 30, 2012 (FFY 2012). These measures have been in place for over ten years now and do a good job of indicating how well states are performing in providing child support services to children. They measure paternity and support order establishment, consistency of current child support payments, arrears payments and collections versus expenditures. In particular, the support order establishment and consistency of current child support measures are straightforward barometers of the impact on children.

Indiana continues its upward trend of the past several years. Looking at all five measures together, we moved from  $21^{st}$  to  $12^{th}$  in the country this year! The chart below shows Indiana's progress in the five measures and overall ranking.

These improvements are the result of much hard work from all county and state staff, doing tasks such as making sure employment information is discovered and income withholding orders are sent quickly, working reports for support orders that have not been established (or may need to be modified), applying different enforcement solutions for payors who don't respond to conventional measures, and making ISETS changes that help staff be more efficient. **Congratulations to all!** 

## Federal Performance Measures Ranking for Indiana Compared to All Other States FFY 2012 OCSE Preliminary Values

Federal Fiscal Year	Paternity Establishment (PEP)	Support Order Establishment (SOR)	Current Support (CS)	Cases Paying on Arrears (CPA)	Cost Effectiveness (CE)	Overall Rank with weighting
FFY 2012 (OCSE Preliminary)	11	36	31	11	15	12
FFY 2011	9	39	36	18	26	21
FFY 2010	11	41	35	19	5	25
FFY 2009	19	39	36	24	6	30
FFY 2008	20	41	41	25	14	33
FFY 2007	27	43	42	32	1	34
FFY 2006	31	42	43	32	2	35
FFY 2005	42	41	45	33	1	34
Weighting	100%	100%	100%	75%	75%	
Change FFY 2011 to FFY 2012	2	-3	-5	-7	-11	-9
Change FFY 2005 to FFY 2012	-31	-5	-14	-22	14	-22